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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson

Serial No.: 09/754,733

Filed: January 4, 2001

For: ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING
SYSTEM (as amended)

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: D. Reip

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 5, 2001, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

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IN-THE-TITLE:

Please amend the title (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

--ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING SYSTEM--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-101 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and add the following new claims:

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